

# Bus Musings



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**ANNUAL MEETING** - *December 7, 2002*  
(*details inside*)



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This has been a really great summer for the Museum of Bus Transportation. After several years of discussion, planning and, at times, a dream or two, we finally signed the formal agreement with the Board of AACA. We are now on our way to a fine first-class museum.

We had to fine-tune several items in the agreement prior to signing, and both sides (AACA and MOBT) enlisted professional help from our respective attorneys. We signed on July 19th, and we now

consolidating all storage into one (we had three rental properties previously).

"Working weekends" to clean the fleet and store our archives will commence in late October (by the time you receive this) and continue from here on in.

The small office attached to the storage garage will serve as our operations center and we have enlisted the services of Richard Adamire (Conestoga Tours), a bus veteran of nearly 45 years, to help

Zolomij (Director of Museum Planning for the AACA Museum) and Bob Beard (Trailways archives).

We are going to re-format our website and are currently exploring several avenues to address this. We also need to resume some form of fund-raising. There are some industry CEO's who will assist us in this effort.

Many of us have been reading the great history of Flxible as written by Dr. Robert Ebert (a must for all

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## Greetings From Your Board

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have a seat on the AACA Museum Board.

Also, in late July and again in mid-August, we began to move into our storage facility in suburban Lebanon, PA (Myerstown). Our fleet will fit nicely into this former airplane hanger and there will be room to maintain the fleet. Perhaps the most important fact is that we will be saving money by

us maintain the fleet. Dick will visit the facility on a monthly basis and start each unit. We are currently equipping the garage with items such as battery chargers, hoses, etc. We should have it ready for some type of "showing" the day of the Annual Meeting.

Our last Board Meeting was also exciting. We had a visit from Peter Pantuso (President of ABA), John

bus historians). If you haven't picked up a copy you really should -- we recommend it!

These are exciting times indeed.....stay with us and try to encourage friends and co-workers to join us.

Hope to see as many of you as possible at our Annual Meeting, December 7th.

### ANNUAL MEETING

**The Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 7th at the Lantern Lodge, Myerstown, PA (4 miles east of Lebanon). The Lodge is near the intersection of Route 422 and Route 501.**

**9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM  
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
12:35 PM**

**Coffee and doughnuts  
Annual Meeting  
Board Meeting  
Lunch (at the Lodge)  
Fan Trip to Storage Facility, COLTS and Brightbill  
Body Works (Blue Bird and used bus dealer)**

**Please let us know if you are coming by calling the Museum Office, a Board Member, or dropping us a line.**

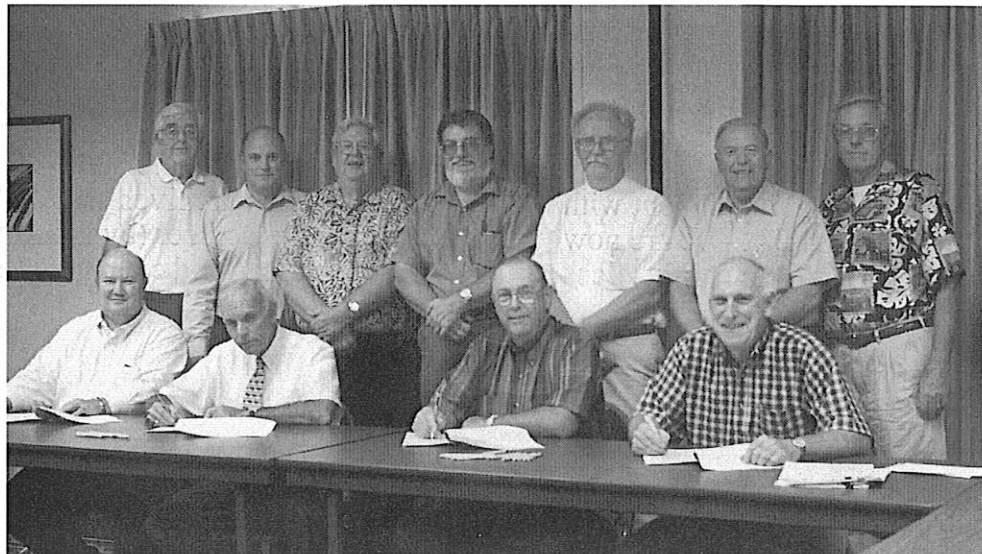
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#### ***On The Cover:***

*No, this is not the Museum, but hopefully our segment of the Hershey building will look something like this view taken inside the Fitzjohn Coach Company factory in Muskegon, MI (circa 1936). We can count over two dozen coaches in various states, most ready for delivery.*

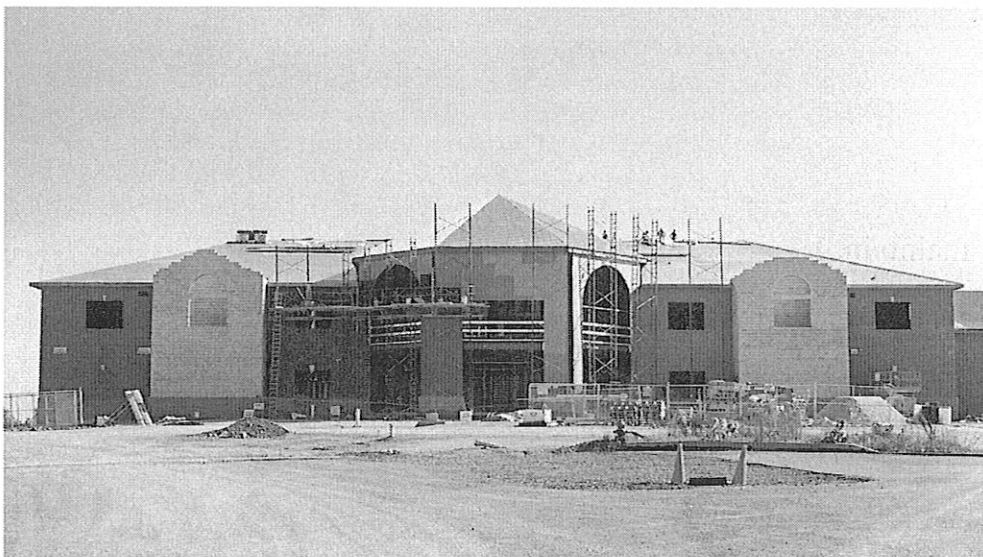


The July 19, 2002 signing. This photo shows the milestone signing of the formal agreement between the AACA Museum Board and your MOBT Board. Here are Board members J. Dockendorf, T. Collins, E. Wolf and R. Smith joining in the ceremony.



## Museum Activities

The AACA Museum Board meets next to the Museum site at the Marriott-Spring Hill in Hershey, PA. (*right*)



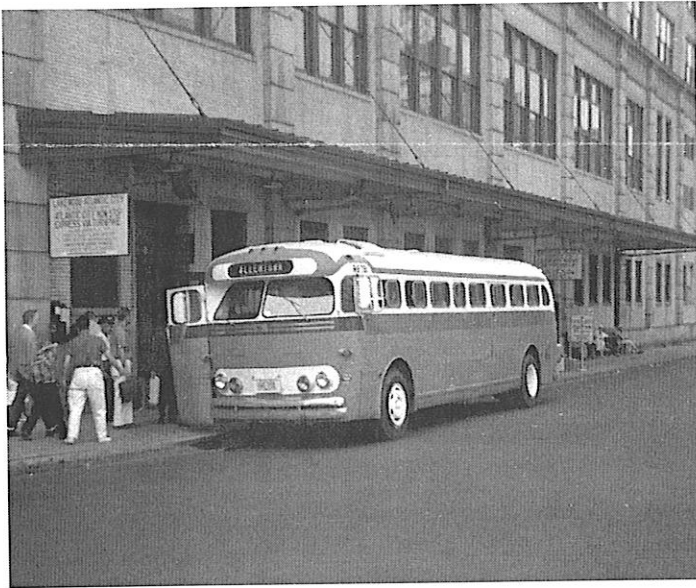
Taken the same day as the signing, this picture (*left*) shows how far along the Museum is, and what a first-class facility it will be. The steel framework was completed during the mild winter and the outside is virtually complete. A June 2003 opening now seems a reality. Note the Museum logo. (*below*)



One of the moving days into the Myerstown operations center involved driving the former Dick Maguire fleet, under their own power, the 60 plus miles from York Springs, PA to Myerstown, PA. The CP 826 (1964 GM 4106) seemed right at home as it moved through suburban Harrisburg, Hershey and downtown Lebanon. (*right*)



**FORD 8MB** (right)  
*Ft. Knox Coach Co. provided transportation between the busy Greyhound "Main Post" Station and the outer limits of Ft. Knox. No. 210 poses for the camera in 1958.*



(left) **GM PD 3703**  
*Royal Blue Coaches, Inc. faithfully provided service between New York City, Newark, Easton and Allentown. Aerocoaches were the mainstay of the fleet; we think this was the only 3703 and it also was not painted "royal blue". Two-tone grey #RB-781 takes on passenger in Newark, NJ in the fall of 1960.*



**AEROCOACH P 46/37** (right)  
*Baltimore Motor Coach Co., with its fleet of red and white Aero's and GM's, were seen frequently at all of the charter bus "destinations" well into the mid-1970's. BMC was also heavily into the "buy and sell" business. The late Ken Kau took this photo at Palisades Amusement Park, NJ in 1959.*



(left) **ACF-BRILL C-44 SUBURBAN**  
*If you had a problem in identifying this coach don't feel bad; so did we! Taken in September 1954, this Queens-Nassau Transit Lines unit had been updated with a GM front.*